

Howland Wood - Curatorial

Blake, George H.
[Collector of Paper Money

1914-1934

Jersey City, NJ]

December 28, 1914.

Mr. George H. Blake
12 Highland Ave.,
Jersey City.

Dear Mr. Blake:-

I am herewith sending you for your annual report what data I have on paper money in reference to the Society.

The first exhibition was held shortly after the close of our large U. S. exhibition, and consisted of regular U. S. paper money and New York Broken Bank bills etc. This was followed and kept up during the summer months by an exhibition of Confederate paper money including every known type. This was followed by an exhibition of Broken Bank bills of the Atlantic sea-board states, the date of which you will find in my letter to you of the other day. For more detail of the other two exhibitions refer to the Numismatist for April page 221, May page 275, and 280, June page 327, and July page 375.

On account of this exhibition and the large interest aroused we have received a great many gifts to our paper money collection. These gifts include the large collection of paper money numbering 4431 specimens bound in three loose leaf volumes, the gift of Mr. Archer M. Huntington. The collection is largely Confederate, and is especially represented in Colonial and Broken Bank bills, especially the Broken Bank bills and miscellaneous issues of the Southern states. Besides the gift of Mr. Huntington, 461 other pieces were presented to the Society during the year, making a total of 4896. This number may be subject to a slight change by the time of the annual meeting which you can correct at the last moment if you wish. It is interesting to compare the accessions during 1914 with that of 1913, for during the previous year we received only 17 pieces of paper money.

During the year a large amount of work has been done on this paper money. The paper money the Society previously had, numbering over a thousand pieces, have been gone over, the duplicates taken out, of which there has been surprisingly few, and the whole mass of material is being arranged in

loose leaf books of the same size and style as those in which the Huntington collection came. All of the paper money that needed it, has been pressed out and cleaned, also mended, so that any pieces the Society now has can be instantly exhibited.

A meeting was held on May 5 on the subject of paper money. Mr. George W. Holding of the American Bank Note Co., delivered an address. The notice of this meeting you will find in the June Numismatist on page 327.

From the above notes you will see that the Society has been more active in paper money than in any other one line during the present year.

I remain.

Very truly yours,

GEORGE H. BLAKE

COLLECTOR OF PAPER MONEY

AUTHOR AND PUBLISHER OF

"UNITED STATES PAPER MONEY"

12 Highland Ave.

Jersey City, MAY 16 1917 191

Metropolitan Museum of Art,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

I have for sale one of the very rare Chinese paper notes issued during the Ming Dynasty, (1368-1399). Students of Chinese numismatics state that Ming notes are the oldest authentic issue of Chinese paper money in existence.

The note which I offer is in a fine state of preservation and if properly displayed in your institution would be of great and lasting interest to historians, antiquarians, numismatists, students of Chinese objects and the public generally.

In all the world not many of these notes are known to exist. A few are in such institutions as the British Museum in London and the Asiatic Museum in Petrograd. For these notes very much higher prices have been paid than I am asking for mine.

I shall be glad if you will place this matter before your governing body with a view to negotiating for the purchase of this note, should it seem desirable to do so.

Further particulars will be furnished upon request.

Awaiting the favor of your reply, I am

Yours truly,

George H. Blake

April 20th, 1921.

Mr. George H. Blake,
12 Highland Avenue,
Jersey City, N. J.

My dear Mr. Blake:-

When you were here Saturday afternoon I had just received word from Mr. Newell that he was going out of town for the week end, and would be at the Museum again either Monday or Tuesday. It was because of this that I asked you to leave the coin here for him to look at. He did not however, come here either yesterday or the day before, and I called the Hotel up this morning, and found that he was not there. Apparently he has not yet returned to the City. I think there is no doubt but what he will be here within a day or two, and I would therefore like to keep the piece until he had had an opportunity to see it.

Very truly yours,

Assistant to Curator.

GEORGE H. BLAKE,
12 HIGHLAND AVE.,
JERSEY CITY, N. J.

Apr 13-1921.

My dear Mr. Wood.

I think I have a few varieties of the French
unused postage stamps which the Society lacks, and
which I desire to present to it.

If I do not get them off to you by mail before
the next meeting of the N. Y. F. Club will you please
speak to me about them.

We missed you at the last meeting so I could not
tell you about this matter before now.

Yours truly
George H. Blake

September 14th, 1921

George H. Blake, Esq.
12 Highland Avenue
Jersey City, N.J.

Dear Mr. Blake:

Mr. Wood is absent on vacation. May I say on his behalf that we shall be very glad to have the encased postage stamps of which you write. The fact of Mr. Wood being away on vacation will explain his not being at the Club at its last meeting.

I hope you have had a good summer.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

SPN/E

October 17th, 1921.

Mr. George H. Blake,
12 Highland Avenue,
Jersey City, N. J.

Dear Mr. Blake:-

I am keeping four of those French encased postage stamps, and under separate cover am returning the other four. I beg to thank you very much for remembering us and letting us have these pieces.

Very truly yours,

Curator.

October 25th, 1921

George H. Blake, Esq.
12 Highland Avenue
Jersey City, N.J.

Dear Mr. Blake :

We think possibly the
enclosed may interest you.

Very truly yours,

Curator

Enc.

Enclosure - Letter from White - Newlown Register
Albany, N.Y.

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GEORGE H. BLAKE,
12 HIGHLAND AVE.,
JERSEY CITY, N. J.

Oct. 17. 1922

Dear Mr. Wood.

I send you herewith 50.000 rouble note I promised.

I am uncertain whether I gave the Society the following

bank 1000 roubles 1919 size $4\frac{3}{8}" \times 3\frac{1}{8}"$

bank 1000 " 1921 red " $3\frac{1}{4}" \times 2"$

If not I will be pleased to send them also.

Yours truly
George H. Blake

October 18th, 1922

George H. Blake, Esq.
12 Highland Avenue
Jersey City, N.J.

Dear Mr. Blake:

I beg to thank you very much for the 50,000
rouble note which you have kindly sent us as an
addition to our Cabinet.

We already have the 1,000 rouble note of 1919,
but lack that of 1921.

Again thanking you, I am

Very truly yours,

Curator

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October 21st, 1942.

Mr. George H. Blake,
12 Highland Avenue,
Jersey City, N. J.

Dear Mr. Blake:-

I beg to thank you for
the two Bolchevist notes which I
received this morning.

Very truly yours,

Curator.

May 11th, 1923

George H. Blake, Esq.
12 Highland Avenue
Jersey City, N.J.

Dear Mr. Blake:

I wish to thank you for sending us the application of Mr. Atwater. I have been hoping that he would join for some time. I have been given to understand that since he has had the Stictney dollar, he has been more willing to become known.

Very truly yours,

Curator

WM/E

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THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY
BROADWAY BETWEEN 155TH
AND 156TH STREETS
NEW YORK

September 15th, 1925

Mr. George H. Blake
12 Highland Avenue
Jersey City, N.J.

Dear Mr. Blake:

Do you know anything about the error mentioned
in this letter on the One Dollar bill? I have never
heard of it, and I wish to answer this letter, which
please return to me. *I don't see what he means.*

Very truly yours,

Enc.

Howland Wood
Curator

*This is a new one on me. Possibly its another
batholic symbols case. Somebody has visions.
Tell him to write to the Pres of the U. S. -
It will be a nuisance to the Treasurer, but no
doubt he has dozens of other inquiries and one more
will not make much difference -
George H. Blake*

September 23rd, 1925

George H. Blake, Esq.
12 Highland Avenue
Jersey City, N.J.

Dear Mr. Blake:

Here is the reply to my letter to the man who had found an error in the one dollar bill, about which he wrote. It was the word "receivable" not "resources". I thought that you might like to know of this error. Please return the letter to me at your convenience.

Very truly yours,

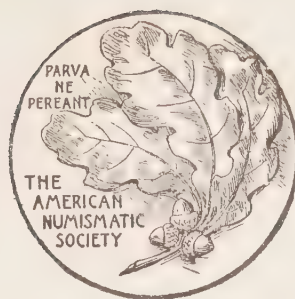
Enc.

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Very truly yours,

Enc.

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Dear Mr. Wood:

This matter has not been brought to my attention before. It would
not be an easy matter to trace it up without knowing the number of the
plate from which it was printed. If Mr. McKern will give it to you I will
be able to investigate the matter further.

Yours truly,

George H. Blake

February 14, 1927

Mr. George H. Blake,
12 Highland Avenue,
Jersey City, N. J.

Dear Sir:

A friend of mine has asked me the following question and I know no one who can better answer it. than you. He wants to know if I can give him some idea of what a \$1.00 bill of 1875 signed by Allison and Wyman with red seal, and a \$20.00 bill of 1880 signed Bruce and Wyman with a brown seal, are worth. Although not in crisp condition the bills are in good shape.

Very truly yours

Curator

HW:MB

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THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY
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February 24, 1927

Mr. George H. Blake,
12 Highland Avenue,
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Curator

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*If in fine condition
appropriately*

1.00 2.00

20.00 25.00

Feb. 25, 1930

Mr. George H. Blake
12 Highland Ave
Jersey City, N.J.

Dear Mr. Blake:

We have a letter from someone holding one of the new ten dollar gold certificates on which the numbers are not in accord. In the lower left the orange number reads A00636391A, and in the upper right A00636419A. Howmuch would you say this was worth, and what offer would you make for it?

Yours very truly,

Curator.

February 8, 1932.

Mr. George H. Blake
12 Highland Avenue
Jersey City, N. J.

Dear Blake:

I find that it will be impossible for me to be at the club meeting Friday night and I am simply notifying you of this fact as Vice-President. I am also enclosing a letter concerning a Canadian four dollar bill. If it is of any premium, interest etc., you might write the man.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

February 8, 1932.

Mr. J. M. Burnett
The Royal Bank of Canada
Wallaceburg,
Ontario, Canada.

Dear Sir:

In regard to the Canadian four dollar bill of 1900 that you wrote about, we have no information concerning this, now do we have any knowledge of Canadian bills. I have, however, sent your letter to a collector in this country who may know.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

April 16, 1934.

Mr. George H. Blake
12 Highland Avenue
Jersey City, N. J.

Dear Mr. Blake:

We have not in our library
a copy of One Hundred Years of Bank Note
Engraving nor do we have any record of
it. Therefore, we cannot give you the
name of the publisher.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator